

## House Resolution No. 4474

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellent spiritual leadership they have provided; and

**Whereas**, on September 30, 2007, Billy H. Burris of Springfield, Missouri, will be the guest of honor at a special celebration honoring his seventieth birthday and his fiftieth anniversary as a minister; and

**Whereas**, senior pastor of Praise Assembly beginning in 1984, Billy Burris is now Pastor Emeritus in light of his well-deserved retirement after more than two decades of service that included the construction of a new sanctuary in 1997; development of ministries for elementary and middle school students, at-risk youth, and men and women struggling with substance abuse; and a record of steady growth in church membership; and

**Whereas**, Billy Burris entered the ministry in 1957 to serve as an evangelist before accepting his first pastorate at First Assembly of God in Green Forest, Arkansas; and

**Whereas**, during his twenty-two years at First Assembly of God, Billy Burris established what would be the hallmarks of his career: stability and growth through teaching and discipleship; and

**Whereas**, in addition to his pastoral endeavors at home, Billy Burris has ministered in such far-flung locales as Cuba, Guatemala, Austria, Hungary, Congo-Brazzaville, Burkina Faso, and the Ivory Coast to encourage Christian believers in their walk with God and to challenge them to greater service; and

**Whereas**, Billy Burris is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Glenda, the loving father of two daughters, and the grandfather of two children:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered down through the years by Billy Burris and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as he celebrates his fifty years in the ministry and his seventy years on this earth; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Billy H. Burris of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shane Schoeller  
District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4474, adopted August 17, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker